

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
December 2, 2015**

MEMBERS:

Mary Davis, Chair
Sally MacKenzie, absent
Marcia Puc
Tracy DeBarber - absent
Mark Bakstis

OTHER:

Sue Goggin, Town Planner/ZEO/WEO
Lori Rotella, Assistant ZEO
Wayne Zirolli, Borough Engineer
Public - 0

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

6:00 P.M. Continued Show Cause Hearing for activities within the 100 foot wetland and watercourse Upland Review Area at 106 Bowman Drive.

Susan Goggin and Wayne Zirolli inspected 106 Bowman Drive a few days ago on the work that has been done to date. Susan also let the commission know that Louise Gertz was in Town Hall last month for the meeting, but Louise said she could not find where the meeting was being held. Susan informed the commission that all that is left to be done at this point is to stabilize the bank. Mary Davis noted that stabilizing the bank is the last thing to be done before the winter. Louise explained to the commission that three days before Sue and Wayne came to inspect the property at 106 Bowman Drive; she received the parts she needed to repair her machine. Three days later, the machine broke again. She did explain to the commission that she planted Christmas trees, bushes and flowering trees. They are all very tiny at this point. She also planted a few flowers. Mary inquired if the wood chip pile has been spread yet. Louise would like to use that last pile of wood chips to put around her recent plantings. Susan will be back out to the property in December to inspect and report back to the commission at the January 2016 meeting. Louise was informed that she does not need to come back before the commission until March or April of 2016. Susan will call her to let her know when she will be back on the agenda.

Show Cause Hearing continued to spring 2016.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Mary Davis called this meeting to order at 6:10 P.M. She noted there was a quorum. She opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Executive session with Borough Attorney.
There was none.
3. Public comment
There was no public comment.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Long Meadow Pond Brook ERT Study

Wayne Zirolli noted there was no new information at this time. Mary Davis noted now that the town will be acquiring the Armory on Rubber Avenue maybe they can get some wetlands and water protection downstream. Wayne suggested they should start discussing again in the spring. Mary would like to review the ERT study before they ask for Southwest Soils opinion and what could be done here. This item was continued until the spring of 2016.

B. Commission discussion regarding an existing Commercial Outdoor Automobile Storage (IW#14-01) located at the Risdon Property, Arch Street, Scott Road, Andrew Avenue and Rubber Avenue; Applicant: A Better Way Wholesale Auto.

Susan Goggin inspected the property and informed the commission that everything looked good. The cars are parked outside of the boom, where they should be and there are no issues. The fire lane is still open. Susan informed the commission that A Better Way received their approval from the Zoning Commission this past Monday, November 30, 2015 regarding the proposed car lot on 18 & 30 Raytkwich Road.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Commission discussion/decision regarding application for repair work on bank of brook at 168 Spencer Street (IW #15-09), Applicant: Doris Aquavia

Mary Davis confirmed that Doris Aquavia's fees were paid with her application. Janice Chisham, Doris Aquavia's daughter explained the drawing she submitted for work to be done on the bank of the brook. The commission, after reviewing the application and the pictures provided, requested more information regarding the amount and size of stone to be

used for the project. Janice had Capital Quarry out to look at the bank. Jim Warren, with Capital Quarry, felt the work to be done should be 30 feet of the bank instead of the initial 16 feet long and 5 feet high. This will amount to one triaxle full (15 – 18 yards) of material. After the permits are in place, Jim explained to Doris it will take a couple of days to complete the job. Wayne Zirolli thought the project plans looked good. Mark Bakstis felt there was not enough information and would like to see the property. Mary Davis, Wayne Zirolli and Susan Goggin have been to the property previously. Wayne explained that the 4 – 5 foot high bank was starting to undermine the property due to the S bend in the brook. Susan printed a copy of the property from Google Earth and Mary explained exactly where the property was located. It is a very residential area. Janice responded that it is a very small brook. Janice gave a history of the brook and what happens during a heavy rain storm. The brook runs through Doris's property and she noted that they have lost 20 feet of property and feels the bank needs to be shored up to prevent more loss of property. Janice pointed out on the Google Earth map where the property is located and also where the brook is on the property. At times there could be 3 – 4 feet of water in the brook which has caused undermining. Janice explained that the stone will be dropped in the driveway. Mr. Warren will use 2 small bobcats for the job, one to bring the stone to the brook and the other to place the stone along the brook. He will also put plywood down on the yard to prevent ruts. The commission suggested that the contractor put silt fence in downstream to protect the stream while the work is being done.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Mark Bakstis and seconded by Marcia Puc to **APPROVE** application for repair on bank of brook at 169 Spencer Street (IW #15-09), Applicant: Doris Aquavia per supplied drawings with the condition that silt fence be installed downstream while work is being performed.

- B. Administrative approval regarding proposed athletic field on Open Space in Apple Hill Estates Subdivision, Applicant: Borough of Naugatuck

Mary Davis explained to the commission that they only have to review the application. No vote will be taken on this item. Susan Goggin noted the nearest wetland is 240 +/- feet away from the bottom corner of the property. There are houses already built between the proposed field and the brook. Mary also explained that since there is no wetlands on the property, they do not need a wetlands permit. They are only seeking an administrative approval. Wayne Zirolli summarized for the commission the work Morgan Development completed; graded and seeded the field, prepared the parking lot and spread the millings provided by the Borough. Morgan Development has now fulfilled their contractual requirements per their subdivision approval. Wayne explained that the town would like the field to be larger and made reference to map. The borough would bring in

excess soil from the greenway project to fill in some of the side of the field to eventually make this a full size field. He noted this will take a couple of years to complete. There is also a proposal to install field lights. They are looking to use the old poles from the high school to defray some of the costs. The field, as it is now, will be ready for use in the spring of 2016 for practice. Susan also explained to the commission that as part of a subdivision approval, the developer either has to give back open space or pay a fee in lieu of open space. It was also expressed that there will be no danger to the wetlands when the additional fill is brought in. As depicted on the plan, a silt fence will be installed along the proposed driveway and along the toe of the slope and also a diversion swale to eliminate any run off onto the neighbor's property. There will also be an erosion control fence. Mary did not feel the need to look at the property. Mary approved an administrative approval for Susan Goggin to send a positive referral to the Zoning Commission.

Meeting recessed at 6:47 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 6:56 p.m.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

7. **WEO REPORT**

A. Autohaus Property, 393 Rubber Avenue (IW #08-08)

Susan Goggin informed the commission that the flat bed has been moved from the back of the property, away from the brook. She noted, she will continue to monitor the area when out on inspections. He did put in large rock in the back. There has been no work on the rain garden which was part of Autohaus's original permit. The owner did not give a reason why he is not putting one in. Mary Davis believes he does not understand the function of a rain garden. Mary would like to know if there was a different solution. Wayne Zirolli suggested that maybe install storm water chambers and then you would still be able to drive over the area. Sue wants to know where they would go. Mary believes the chamber to infiltrate the water may not be better, but a more workable solution for Autohaus. The building inspector might know what was put in previously. Susan will talk to him.

B. Primo Enterprises, LLC, 45 High Street

There was nothing new to report on this property. Susan Goggin noted there has been no flooding.

C. Naugatuck HS Renovation (IW#12-04)

There was nothing new to report. Susan Goggin informed the commission that she has not received any water testing results yet.

D. A Better Way Auto

Susan Goggin emailed John Clouser with A Better Way Auto to have the tires moved. Susan showed the commission pictures of where the tires were originally stored and where they were moved to. They appear to be at least 15 – 20 feet away from the edge of the brook. Mary Davis expressed nothing should be within 50 feet of the brook. It was mentioned that the building is less than 50 feet from the brook. Susan said she will continue to monitor where the tires are. She also did research on storing tires. The worst hazard is mosquitos and fire. Mary noted it should be fine.

8. **Review/Approval** of the November 4, 2015 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes and the November 23, 2015 Special Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Marcia Puc and seconded by Mark Bakstis to **APPROVE** the November 4, 2015 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Mark Bakstis and seconded by Marcia Puc to **APPROVE** the November 23, 2015 Special Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes.

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

There was none.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Mark Bakstis and seconded by Marcia Puc to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally MacKenzie, Secretary /lr